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National Defense Authorization Act for FY2002 Implementation of Section 803

Competition Requirements for Purchase of Services Under Multiple Award Contracts

The Department of Defense has published the final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement Section 803 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2002.

In part, Section 803 requires contracting officers, when contracting for services under Multiple Award & Schedule Contracts, to contact as many schedule holders that are capable of performing the work as practicable, and ensure that at least 3 responses are received, or, alternatively, all schedule holders are contacted. Specific procedures are required when using multiple award contracts via Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

Your GSA, FTS Information Technology Representative knows how to interpret the regulation(s) for your specific situation.

The rule applies to all orders for services in excess of \$100,000 placed under multiple award contracts on or after 25 October 2002, regardless of whether the multiple award contracts were awarded before, on, or after, that date.

The key point to remember is that this regulation is intended to ensure fairness and to enhance competition.

Be assured that your GSA, FTS European Client Support Center (ECSC) will fully implement and comply with these provisions on all orders for services placed on behalf of our DoD clients.

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FTS Migration of IT System Continues

FTS has been replacing the IT Solutions Legacy System with a new ITSS Integrated System, which is the first step toward a more comprehensive System, to service our clients and Industry Partners. Region 6 Kansas City is the last scheduled region to migrate, June 10-16, 2003. All other GSA Regions have successfully migrated to the new system. We will have limited processing capabilities during the 6-day migration, with only urgent orders processed during this time period. Please anticipate the possibility of some limited system processing capabilities after June 9. If you have any further systems conversion questions, please contact Claire Allman at (816) 823-2963 or your Customer Service Representative.

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